MONTHLY SUMMARY

OF

BUSINESS STATISTICS

(WITH SUPPLEMENT).

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.		Shee	ep Distr	icts.			Wheat I	Districts		1	Dairying (Coasta	Districal only).	ts
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	Т
July August September October November December	64 136 148 148 144 168	135 94 168 161 192 285	155 100 119 106 156 306	137 178 175 136 176	122 117 147 136 165	80 129 140 170 128 173	142 82 139 135 196 325	171 96 126 115 156 319	152 97 131 127 163 302	8 61 82 78 143 176	17 35 48 70 150 262	17 146 34 65 170 256	11 65 67 74 146 208
January February March April May June July August	 99 82 144 80 145 202 79 53	107 211 90 102 138 204 23 68	110 252 21 145 120 102 33 50	49 138 72 75 129 214 28 70	99 180 81 107 133 171 43 58	104 74 136 90 117 168 73 50	115 222 82 112 123 171 19 67	95 253 16 140 102 111 35 52	101 222 48 126 109 134 36 56	88 42 141 92 123 363 20 58	150 66 151 40 117 194 29 41	220 99 36 71 186 156 17 14	121 56 130 76 129 293 23 48

N.-Northern; C.-Central; S.-Southern; W.-Western; T.-Total, all districts.

2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 422,260,000 lb. in 1947-48, compared with 432,621,000 lb. in 1946-47 and an average of 492,436,000 lb. in the five seasons 1941-42 to 1945-46. Further particulars are shown on page nineteen of this Summary.

The average price of greasy wool sold at auction in New South Wales was 37.9d. per lb. in the year ended June, 1948, compared with 23.6d. per lb. in 1946-47.

NEW SOUTH WALES WOOL SALES (EXCLUDING ALBURY).

Selling	Season.		ceived into during—		Auction ded 30th	during Year June.*	Bales in Store	
Centre.	coason.	July.	Year ended	Bal	es.	Amount	Unsold at 31st July.†	
			30th June.	Greasy.	Scoured.	Realised.		
Sydney	1946–47 1947–48 1948–49	No. 61,345 60,568 55,014	No. 922,829 869,236	No. 817,661 799,204	No. 72,146 82,949	£ 26,905,743 42,881,052	No. 73,002 85,797 64,704	
Newcastle	1946–47 1947–48 1948–49	8,659 9,864 5,939	158,190 152,149	153,983 148,561	185 65	4,55°,714 7,555,761	10,465 14,295 7,070	
Goulburn	1946–47 1947–48 1948–49	245 771 205	42,671 46,864 	42,370 47,007		1,453,447 2,535,632	255 1,082 373	
Total	1946–47 1947–48 1948–49	70,249 71,203 61,158	1,123,690 1,068,249	1,014,014 994,772	72,331 83,014	32,909,904 52,972,445	83,722 101,174 72,147	

*Includes small quantities of wool bought-in by the Joint Organisation; sales from stocks held by J.O. are excluded.

†Includes carry-over from previous year; stocks held by J.O. are excluded.

3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

					Area unde	r Wheat.	Yield of Grain.		
	Season	n.			Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre	
			-	T	acres.	acres.	bushels.	bushels	
Average—1	erage—1934-35 to 1943-44					3,937,000	51,635,000	13.1	
1944-45		***			3,174,000	2,845,000	17,134,000	6.0	
1945-46					4,213,000	3,774,000	62,520,000	16.6	
1946-47					4,773,000	4,475,000	15,682,000	3.5	
1947-48					5,355,000	5,043,000	95,227,000	18.9	
1948-49*			• • •		4,702,000				

^{*}Preliminary Estimate.

4. BUTTER OUTPUT-N.S.W. FACTORIES.

Month.	Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49
			Thousand	lb.			
July	5,061	3,313	2,462	3,286	2,641	3,004	2,700
August	5,361	3,279	3,065	4,008	2,758	2,833	
September	7,093	4,933	5,397	5,007	3,254	4,025	
October	10,107	8,626	8,483	7,557	4,446	6,464	
November	13,128	11,553	8,169	7,387	5,070	6,858	
December	13,471	13,079	7,532	8,820	6,372	10,628	
January	12,310	12,821	8,004	8,146	6,386	11,369	
February	11,816	10,184	6,769	8,146	7,384	8,689	1
March	11,370	8,440	8,261	8,498	8,051	8,214	1
April	10,044	5,165	5,811	6,185	5,741	6,146	
May	8,145	3,870	4,477	4,468	4,458	4,753	
June	6,024	2,594	3,287	2,772	3,824	3,083	
Year	113,930	87,857	71,722	74,280	60,385	76,066	

5. COAL PRODUCTION IN N.S.W.—Thousand Tons.

Source-Joint Coal Board.

Periods of Four Weeks. ‡ Last day of Period. (1948 dates.)	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
First Period ended on	24th Jan.	23rd Jan.	22nd Jan.	20th Jan.	19th Jan.	ıst Feb.	31st Jan.
First* 31st Jan. Second 28th Feb. Third 27th Mar. Fourth 24th April Fifth 22ud May Sixth 19th June Seventh 17th July Eighth 14th Aug. Ninth 11th Sept. Tenth 9thOct. Eleventh 6th Nov. Twelfth 4th Dec. Thirteenth 31st Dec.	731 933 981 886 1,003 965 918 953 1,028 984 973 965	744 933 813 843 843 907 899 905 938 868 937 939	625 774 781 782 930 866 884 880 970 870 891 906	640 867 893 755 791 914 846 914 778 842 759 869 308	519 860 913 859 674 906 798 846 911 975 1,017 976	859† 796 833 804 773 990 992 995 994 979 1,092 1,130 446*	539 918 869 964 878 883 941 984
Year	12,206	11,473	11,043	10,176	11,186	11,683	
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above	56	60	180	523	756	959	
Period of 28 weeks ended— Northern District Western District Southern District ‡	11th July. 4,368 859 1,190	10th July. 4,066 784 1,132	8th July. 3,823 836 983	7th July. 3,712 890 1,104	6th July. 3,748 859 922	19th July. 4,060 997 990	17th July 3,913 1,020 1,059
Total (28 weeks) ‡	6,417	5,982	5,642	5,706	5,529	6,047	5,992
Output—"Open Cuts incl. above		28	60	261	345	479	635

^{*}Miners' mid-summer holidays were:—In 1st period—1942, Public holidays only; 1943 to 1945, one week; 1946, two weeks; 1948, one week; and in 13th period—1947, two weeks. † Four-weekly periods changed.

‡ The four-weekly periods Southern District ended a week later than in other districts in years 1942 to 1947.

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SECTION B.—BUILDING INDUSTRY.

6. PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT BUILDING IN N.S.W.—ESTIMATED COST. (New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.)

Private building figures relate in years marked (a) to permits issued by local councils of Sydney and Suburbs, 129 country towns and 7 extra-metropolitan Shires; and in periods marked (b) to permits issued by all local councils.

Government building figures relate to contracts let and works authorised or commenced

by Commonwealth, State or local authorities.

			Metropolis	3.	Remainder	of State	(a) and (b).	Total,	New South	Wales.
Period.		Private.	Govt.	Total,	Private.	Govt.	Total.	Private.	Govt.	Total.
Year. 1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 1945 1946 1947 1047 JanJune	(a) (a) (a) (a) (a) (a) (a) (a) (b)	£000 11,718 10,847 1,446 1,361 1,603 5,271 18,070 20,252	£000 894 1,725 1,371 3,109 1,606 3,662 3,794 4,299	£000 12,612 12,572 2,817 4,470 3,209 8,933 21,864 24,551	£000 4,887 4,758 1,079 508 869 4,630 13,506 16,596	£000 2,672 2,904 3,932 1,574 2,304 1,638 2,651 3,023	£000 7,559 7,662 5,011 2,082 3,173 6,268 16,157 19,619 24,588	£000 16,605 15,605 2,525 1,869 2,472 9,901 31,576 36,848 41,817	£000 3,566 4,629 5,303 4,683 3,910 5,300 6,445 7,322 7,322	£000 20,171 20,234 7,828 6,552 6,382 15,201 38,021 44,170
1947 1948		10,362 10,578	2,367 3,138	12,729	10,484	1,327 2,381	11,811	20,846 23,322	3,694 5,519	24,540 28,841
		1,697 1,812 1,768	232 310 309	1,929 2,122 2,077	1,958 2,040 2,172	211 218 248	2,169 2,258 2,420	3,655 3,852 3,940	443 528 557	4,098 4,380 4,497
	Iay une uly	2,037 1,976 1,971	619 570 296	2,656 2,546 2,267	2,594 2,348	393 546 658	2,987 2,894 *	4,631 4,324 *	1,012 1,116 954	5,643 5,440

⁽a) and (b) see notes above table.

7. PRIVATE BUILDING, PERMITS ISSUED BY COUNCILS, N.S.W.—ESTIMATED COST. (New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.)

		County	of Cumberla	ind.			Total,
Period.	City of Sydney.	Suburbs of Sydney.	Metropolis.	Balance of Cumberland.	Total.	Remainder of State (a) and (b)	New South Wales.
Year.	£000	£000	£000	€,000	€,000	£000	£,000
1939 (a		10,334	12,220	1,360	13,580	4,002	17,582
1940 (a		10,184	11,718	1,417	13,135	3,470	16,605
1941 (a		10,295	10,847	1,488	12,335	3,270	15,605
1942 (a		1,175	1,446	199	1,645	880	2,525
1943 (a	249	1,112	1,361	139	1,500	369	1,869
1944 (a	332	1,271	1,603	353	1,956	516	2,472
1945 (a	264	5,007	5,271	2,677	7,948	1,953	9,901
1946 (a) 1,213	16,857	18,070	6,830	24,900	6,676	31,576
1947 (a) 1,315	18,937	20,252	7,944	28,196	8,652	36,848
1947 (b		18,937	20,252	7,944	28,196	13,621	41,817
JanJune (b)							
1947	/ / /	9,620	10,362	3,917	14,279	6,567	20,846
1948	386	10,192	10,578	5,197	15,775	7,547	23,322
Month (b)							
1947—May		1,618	1,697	699	2,396	1,259	3,655
June		1,569	1,812	794	2,606	1,246	3,852
July	82	1,686	1,768	694	2,462	1,478	3,940
1948—May	68	1,969	2,037	1,310	3,347	1,284	4,631
lune		1,935	1,976	852	2,828	1,496	4,324
July	69	1,902	1,971	884	2,855	*	*

⁽a) and (b) see notes above Table 6.

^{*} Not yet available.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

8. PRINCIPAL CLASSES OF BUILDING—PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT—N.S.W.— ESTIMATED COST.

(New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.)

Period.	Houses.	Flats (inc. conversions)	Hotels, Guest Houses, etc.	Shops with Dwellings.	Shops only.	Factories.	Other Buildings.	Total.
1	£000	£000	£000	1 £000 1	£000	£000	£000	£000
				Metrop	olis.			
Year, 1946	14,387 16,523	681 1,373	200 167	111	501 184	3,942 3,471	2,042 2,670	21,864 24,551
Months 1947—Jan.—June May June July	7,972 1,406 1,320 1,444	632 101 151 126	92 32 6 10	93 11 30 13	110 9 23 28	2,223 257 199 305	1,607 113 393 151	12,729 1,929 2,122 2,077
I 1948—Jan,June May June July	9,481 2,035 1,824 1,540	967 223 203 174	7 2 2 10	182 23 58 15	58 24 9 15	1,760 155 292 372	1,251 194 158 141	13,716 2,656 2,546 2,267
				Remainder	of State.			
Year, 1946 (a) ,, 1947 (a) ,, 1947 (b)	12,606	247	23I 292 3I3	224	231 310 386	638 738 849	2,038 1,681 1,918	16,157 19,619 24,588
Months (b) 1947—Jan.—June May June	9,745 1,832 1,888	31	138 4 17	18	272 32 66	392 104 63	915 148 156	11,811 2,169 2.258
1948—Jan.—June May June	12,345 2,285 2,43	3 46	2	17	73 9 13	991 385 147	1,299 245 226	15,125 2,987 2,894
			T	otal, New So	uth Wales.			
Year, 1946 (a) ,, 1947 (a) ,, 1947 (b)	32,650	1,620	459	387	732 494 570	4,580 4,209 4,320	4,080 4,351 4,588	38,021 44,170 49,139
Months (b) 1947—Jan.—June May June	. 3,23	8 132	36	29	3 ⁸ 2 4 ¹ 89	361	2,522 261 549	24,549 4,09 4,380
1948—Jan.—June May June	4,31	8 269	4		131 33 22	540		28,841 5,643 5,440

⁽¹⁾ and (b) see notes above Table 6.

9. DWELLINGS IN HOUSES AND FLATS-AUTHORISED, COMMENCED, COMPLETED.

(Private and Government, including owner-built houses, but excluding some new houses on farms and military huts converted into temporary dwellings.)

	Cou	nty of Cumberla	ind.	Tota	al, New South Wa	iles.
Period.	Authorised.	Commenced.	No. No. 1,650* 7,530* 6,493 1,603 6,660 2,061 7,644 2,328 7,972 2,236 6,973	Authorised.	Commenced.	Completed.
1946—Sept. Qtr Dec. Qtr	No. 5,002 4,230	No. 2,600* 2,675*	1,650*	7,530	No. 4,705 4,208	No. 2,719 3,437
June Qtr Sept. Qtr Sept. Qtr Dec. Qtr	4,081 4,699 5,006 4,156	2,590 2,996 3,259 3,045	2,06I 2,328	7,644 7,972	4,454 5,016 5,204 4,911	2,774 3,414 3,620 3,748
Year 1947	17,942	11,890	8,228	29,249	19,585	13,556
1948—March Qtr June Qtr	3,876 5,025	3,124 3,832	2,II5 2,6I3	6,499 8,232	4,772 6,013	3,640 4,407

^{*} Exclusive of flats.

[&]quot;Authorised" means permits issued for private houses plus contracts let for Governmental houses.

At end of June, 1948, there were 20,827 dwellings in houses and flats "remaining uncompleted" in N.S.W.

SECTION C.-TRADE.

10. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.

Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1939.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948
				Milli	on £.				
Year.	200•29	229.03	238.65	240.24	251.40	251.74	299.76	347.46	
January February March April May June July August September October November December	13·24 16·54 15·78 15·79 17·46 14·88 16·81 19·44 19·22 17·53 18·32	15.83 17.48 17.40 19.06 18.75 21.76 17.63 20.41 21.60 18.25 20.58 20.28	18.69 19.39 19.53 19.19 20.72 18.93 19.17 20.86 19.59 22.06 19.54 20.98	17·18 21·60 19·44 21·88 19·56 20·91 19·81 18·75 19·93 20·80 21·07	18.01 20.48 18.00 21.68 21.45 20.67 20.87 23.82 21.46 21.82 20.30 22.84	18.62 21.48 21.75 20.81 22.24 19.40 22.01 20.22 23.72 22.36 } 39.13 {	17.62 21.72 22.33 26.88 25.21 23.58 25.74 28.74 28.97 26.56 24.65 27.76	21.70 26.28 24.22 27.32 30.33 27.98 27.82 32.11 32.00 30.89 32.66 34.15	25°2 30°3 33°2 33°8 35°6 34°6

11. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.		Numb Busines in Pe	s Days	Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	ock. Salaries Employees.		Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.		
		Previous Year.	Current Year.	Paid Paid		Paid.	2mpioy cosi	Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid	
Year.				Percentag	e increase +	or decrease	e —			
1939		303	303	1 + 2.4	+ 2.01	+ 2.6	+ 0-0			
1940		303	305	+ 6.3	+ 17.0	+ 4.0	+ 1.0			
1941	•••	305	304	+ 14.6	+ 8.0	+ 9.0	+ 4°0			
1942		304	303	- 5'3	+ 9°2	- 5°I	- 8°4			
1943		303	306	- 11.3	- 6.8	- 9.7	- 17.6			
1944	•••	306	302	+ 3.2	- 0°2	— 4°6	+ 1°4			
1945	• • • •	302	301	+ 15.8	+ 11,1	+ 6°7	+ 5.0			
1946	•••	301	302	+ 32'2	+ 3.8	+ 28°0	+ 20'0			
1947	***	302	302	+ 18.7	+ 32.5	+ 21.2	+ 8.6			
1947.										
June		23	24	+ 38.2	+ 34.8	+ 15.8	+ 7.7	+ 10,0	+ 18.3	
July	***	27	27	+ 12.0	+ 29.2	+ 20'I	+ 8.1	+ 10,0	+ 18.2	
August		27	26	+ 16°9	+ 33'4	+ 14°0	+ 6.6	+ 21.8	+ 16.6	
September		25	26	+ 41'3	+ 28.5	+ 21.8	+ 6.5	+ 23.6	+ 18°5	
October		26	26	+ 23'4	+ 25'3	+ 17.5	+ 7.4	+ 26.6	+ 17.7	
November		26	25	+ 8'9	+ 27.5	+ 10.0	+ 5.6	+ 23.8	+ 19°7	
December 1948.	• • • •	24	24	+ 18.8	+ 26.2	+ 22'I	+ 5.1	+ 17.1	+ 20°0	
January		25	25	+ 23.8	+ 24'I	+ 16.0	1 6.0	F 7614	+ 19°7	
February		24	24	+ 15.0	+ 24 1	+ 25'0	+ 6°3 + 8°6	+ 16.4	+ 19 7 + 21°3	
March		26	24	+ 10.6	+ 20.8	+ 16°o		+ 19.1	+ 19*1	
April		22	25	+ 35.2	+ 29.4	+ 22.9	+ 7°0 + 8·4	+ 19*5	+ 21.1	
May		27	26	+ 11,0	+ 26.4	+ 20*3	+ 8.4	+ 24.0 + 21.8	+ 19'7	
June		24	25	+ 9°7	+ 26.6	+ 23'5	+ 7'2	+ 18.5	+ 22°2	

SECTION D.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

12. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:-

		Month of July.		Year ended 30th June.				
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.		
1946 1947 1948	 £ 2,607,497 2,451,607 2,981,272	£ 2,038,118 2,334,007 2,670,836	£ 569,379 117,600 310,436	£ 31,313,410 30,352,710 36,905,862	£ 24,933,674 25,885,577 31,014,667	£ 6,379,736 4,467,133 5,891,195		

^{*} Excluding capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, etc., which amounted to £6,825,076 in year 1946-47.

† Excluding Government contribution £800,000 annually for developmental lines.

		Month o	of July.	Year ended 3	oth June.
	}	Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock).	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock).	Passenger Journeys.
		thousands	thousands.	thousands.	thousands
946		1,491	21,758	15,872	267,423
947		1,555	21,332	16,539	261,644
948		1,495	20,488	17,407	263,047

Railway passenger fares and freight rates were increased from 13th August, 1947.

13. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

		Syd	NEY AND SUBU	RBS.	Newo	CASTLE AND SU	BURBS.
PERIOD		Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers Carried.†	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers Carried.
Month of June		£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands
1946 1947 1948		420,497 441,180 567,405	† † †	38,450 39,660 37,260	46,076 48,405 59,357	‡ ‡ ‡	3,470 3,560 3,430
Year ended 30th June-	_						
1946 1947 1948		5,512,280	86,413 (-)112,360 (-) 40,159	497,340 490,090 468,960	563,376 593,505 743,457	22,967 (-) 9,442 (-) 915	45,160 43,870 43,430

^{*} Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan capital, Exchange and Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £479,010 in year 1946-47.

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Adult fares on tramways and Government omnibuses were increased by one penny per journey from 1st July 1947.

 $[\]dagger$ Exclusive of Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journey did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

14. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES

(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

	1939.	1942.	1945.	1947.		19	48.	
Class.	31st August.	30th June.*	31st August.	July.	January.	31st May.	30th June.	31st July.
Cars Lorries, Utilities	216,633	169,916	185,665	199,934	206,699	212,073	213,700	215,708
and Vans Tractors† Cycles—Solo Cycles—Side-car	77.639 1,102 17,111 6,884	71,248 1,366 10,538	84,257 1,787 12,319 4,076	2,434 19,461 5,907	122,633 2,877 21,465 6,345	126,296 3,300 23,168 6,550	127,413 3,398 23,501 6,575	128,546 3,499 23,949 6,613
Omnibuses : Taxi-cabs : Traders' Plates Trailers	794 1,331 1,187 6,538	890 1,352 708 6,965	1,039 1,351 662 9,187	1,190 1,444 1,183 14,889	1,361 1,590 1,291 17,485	1,413 1,627 1,393 18,210	1,436 1,632 1,438 18,317	1,429 1,632 1,478 18,524
Total	329,219	267,768	300,343	361,326	381,746	394,030	397,410	401,378

MONTHLY REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

(Ex-Service Vehicles are not included.)

y			Numbe	er of New V	ehicles Regis	stered.		
Period.	Cars.	Lorries, Utilities and Vans.	Tractors.	Cycles.	Omnibuses.	Taxi-cabs.	Trailers.	Total.
Monthly Average—				707	12	47	99	2,833
1937–1939	1,748	721	15	191		47		
1942-1945	36	179	13	13	4	2	73	320
1946	320	404	25	170	4		204	1,127
1947	1,018	633	31	265	23	5	250	2,225
Month-			8. 7.88114					
1947- July	1,232	750	33	191	- 22	7	160	2,395
November.	1,298	836	40	339	30	5	213	2,761
December	1,248	876	49	366	36	4	579	3,158
1948- January	871	510	30	361	22	9	405	2,208
February	1,265	662	42	413	4	IO	198	2,594
March	1,398	690	55	518	24	16	22I	2,922
4 11	1,776	724	57	546	26	5	222	3,356
		738	55	435	23	21	147	3,263
May	1,844		68	418	28	19	150	3,447
June	1,852	912	1		21	16	155	3,894
July	2,190	929	72	511	1 21	1 10	133	3,094

^{*} Lowest wartime cars; lowest lorries and vans (70,724) in October, 1942. † Excluding tractors used on farms only.

‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts only; similar vehicles in other districts are included as cars.

15. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

End of Month.	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
January February March April June July August September November	No. 423,649 427,211 427,964 428,848 431,149 433,029 433,972 431,029 432,795 435,573 440,335	No. 564,184 563,702 563,791 567,295 571,616 572,697 573,078 572,893 568,280 571,656 573,637 571,790	No. 570,080 570,952 573,205 576,218 575,144 575,864 580,747 583,172 585,985 588,321 591,001 598,643	No 608,306 606,880 616,114 618,385 63,518 679,505 686,633 691,944 698,312 698,539 698,416 703,577	No. 699,023 702,658 702,890 710,944 693,550 699,259 703,745

SECTION E.-FINANCIAL.

16. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

MONTH OF JULY.

Revenue.	1947.	1948.	Expenditure.	1947.	1948.
Γaxes—	millio	n £.	Social Services*—	millio	on £.
Customs and Excise	10.19	10.10	Invalid, Age Pensions	3.50	3.13
Sales	2.57	3.00	Widows' Pensions	0.35	0.36
Income and Social Services	22.30	24.26	Child Endowment	1.33	I.IO
Pavroll	1.18	1.58	Hospital Benefits	0.34	0.37
Estate	0.39	0.46	Other	0.41	0.38
Entertainments	0.43	0.38	Payments to States	1.61	1.72
Other	0.51	0.12	Tax Reimbursed to States	2.60	2.96
			Post Office	2.38	2.59
Total Taxes	37°14	40.04	Other	5.78	5:38
Post Office	2.48	2.53	Defence and Post-War	7.42	6.25
Other	0.02	0.20			glu L
Total Revenue	40.24	43.19	Total Expenditure	25*39	24.54

^{*} Actual Expenditure from National Welfare Fund.

Expenditure from Loan Fund (other than Defence and Post-War which is included above) in the month of July, consisted of advances to States for Housing, 41.170,000 in 1947, and £1,142,000 in 1948.

17. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

MONTH OF JULY.

Revenue.	1947.	1948.	Expenditure.	1947.	1948.
	£,000	£000		£000	£000
From Commonwealth—	~	~	Interest, Exchange and Sink-		
Towards Interest	243	243	ing Fund	619	957
Reimbursement of Taxes	1,103	1,237	Less—Recoups from other		
Hospital Benefits	90	100	Activities		
Stamp and Probate Duty	559	656			
Other Taxes	480	552	Net Debt Charges	619	957
Land	116	120	Other than Debt Charges—		
Services	124	149	Governmental	1,406	1,877
Other	359	407	Business Undertakings	2,970	3,064
Total Governmental	3,274	3,464		70,80,81	
Business Undertakings	3,113	3,503			
				<u> </u>	
Total Revenue	6,187	6,967	Total Expenditure	4,995	5,898

Loan expenditure on works and services during the month of July, was gross (889,000 and net (i.e., gross less repayments to loan account) £870,000 in 1948, compared with gross £754,000 and net £738,000 in 1947.

18. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets in Australia of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures.

Мо	nth.		Deposits.	Cash Items.*	Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances
				70	million #			
1939—J1	ine	***1	318.0	28.6	23.9	22.1		291.7
TO 10	,,		345.4	31.1	38.3	43.7		289.9
TOIT	,,		360.0	33.3	36.1	61.9		283.7
TO 40	,,		387.9	40.4	39.6	56.3	36.4	268.3
TO 12	,,		453.5	33.4	50.8	75.7	102.0	246.0
TOAA	,,		534.5	38.0	55.4	89.1	182.8	221.8
TO 45			582.5	36.5	46.5	104.3	241.8	207.9
TO 16	,,		627.1	32.3	40.0	122.7	258.5	224.3
TO 47	,,		648.3	34.4	13.8	80.6	275.4	289.7
TO 48	,,		716.8	45.6	19.1	59.5	293.0	348.8
1947—			•					01
Apr	il		659.0	36.3	29°I	81.6	280'I	278.5
May			653.8	36.2	19.3	81.3	280.2	285.5
June			648.3	34.4	13.8	80.6	275*4	289.7
July			632.5	36.2	10.7	77*9	253*2	302.8
1948—								
Apri			709.5	49.8	31.3	59.1	280.5	338.1
May			708.4	44·I	28.8	59.0	286.7	344°I
June			716.8	45.6	19.1	59.5	293.0	348.8
July	•		698.6	40.6	11.6	59·6	284.9	361.8

^{*} Excluding London Funds.

19. ALL TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES.

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 18 relates, the Commonwealth Bank (General Division), Rural Bank and 3 oversea banks; four other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W.

			Nev	v South Wal	les* (14 ban	ks).		Australia*	(18 banks).	
				Deposits.	5		75	Deposits.		
	Month.		Non-Government.		Total,	Advances.	Non-Go	vernment.	Total,	
			Fixed.	Current.	Govt.		Fixed.	Current.	including Govt.	Advances
						million #	(.	,	,	1
1945-	-September		79°7	173*4	255*7	104.8	220*2	413.4	644.0	2390
	December		81.8	180'4	265'I	106.2	223.2	443.5	675.5	240°2
1946-	-March		79°4	197'1	280.2	105'7	217.6	480.0	707.4	248.5
	June		76.4	198.2	277.8	111.6	209.6	476.6	698.5	259.5
	July		75°9	192'I	271.6	117.3	207.6	462.5	683.9	275.4
	September		76.3	200.5	279.6	126.0	206°4	475'9	694.0	285.6
			77.0	206.2	286.3	133.0	204°7	492'4	708.4	303.2
1947-	-March		75°2	212.3	289.8	136.5	202°5	517.9	731.5	312.8
			71.2	212.2	286.8	144.8	199.0	511.2	722.7	336.0
	July		71.9	203.2	278.5	150.2	198.9	493*7	704.8	350°2
			72.8	207.2	283.1	157.1	200°2	500°2	710.0	362.9
			71.3	219'1	293'3	169.4	197.9	534*2	742.6	385.6
1948-			70°7	221'0	294.2	180.24	197'1	539°2	746.6	397.01
			69.8	228.6	300.7	179.8	196.1	557°I	763.0	396.7
			69.3	235.5	307.6	179'I	196.9	579°2	785.2	395°I
			69.4	239.9	312.0	180.5	197.2	584.0	790.4	401.3
			69.1	240.6	312.7	182.4	196.9	582.3	789.0	408.5
			68.2	241'4	313.1	186.5	195.2	592.8	798.8	412.0
	July		67.8	232.6	303.8	192.6	195.0	573.7	778.5	426.9

^{*} Comparable figures not available prior to September, 1945.

[†] Rural Bank advances included in this table were f14.7m, in December, 1947, and £24.5m. in January, 1948; the latter figure included for first time Advances for Homes and Personal Loans.

20. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).*

As a	t	Amount of	End of		ii Am	ount of Depos	its.	
	30th June. Deposits.†		Month.	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	1	£000	11	£000	£.000	£000	£000	£000
1937		81,952	January	86,824	181,801	224,705	230,924	231,430
1938		86,016	February	86,591	184,725	228,711	230,544	232,182
1939		87,474	March	86,269	187,894	230,420	229,665	232,712
1940		82,111	April	86,222	189,566	230,920	229,328	232,788
1941		87,750	May	86,097	192,884	232,221	228,549	233,034
1942		94,538	Junet	87,474	198,203	236,242	231,368	236,964
1943		122,405	July	87,201	200,932	237,305	231,530	237,265
1944		162,867	August	86,957	204,794	236,985	231,070	
1945		198,203	September	86,557	207,520	235,806	232,654	
1946		236,242	October	86,751	209,906	234,804	232,568	
1947		231,368	November	86,684	214,806	233,006	231,775	
1948		236,964	December	86,581	219,560	231,311	231,250	

^{*} Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates, less re-purchases in New South Wales was £26,531,301 at 31st July, 1948, including £220,348 net receipts in July.

21. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945	1946	1947.	1948
			Amou	nt—M	illion £					Inde	x Nu	mber	۶.	
January	66.5	106.7	107.5	114'2	I20.I	142.2	171.3	98	136	150	152	1154	196	236
February	75.5	105.7	121.5	114'1	131.8	150.2	182.0	96	139	147	149	157	194	231
March	80.5	123'4	130.1	123'4	144'1	170.0	196.4	93	138	146	145	164	193	230
April	70.7	125'3	108.4	126.2	138.9	181.8	205'9	98	150	150	154	176	218	253
May	82.0	123.0	143.5	132.6	156.7	186.4	233·I	100	155	158	160	184	229	269
June	80.3	132.6	140'1	136.0	159*2	176.9	230'I	IOI	163	166	169	195	236	289
July	71.2	114'3	122.0	129'7	174"9	183.2	230'3	98	155	168	167	206	229	29I
August	74.9	122'7	127'4	121'0	157.3	162.4		99	160	169	168	214	227	
September	74.9	116.5	120.9	123'4	159.4	177'0		99	155	163	166	217	232	
	78.0		123.7		182.2	197.3		100	152	159	166	216	234	• • • •
November	86.1		126.3		164'1	203.8		102	149	153	164	211	243	
December	91.7	127.3	127.6		165.6	192°2		106	150	152	159	208	243	
Year	932.3	1442'3	1499°6	1512*4	1854.3	2123'7		100	151	156	160	196	226	

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926–1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

[†] Including accrued interest

22. LIFE ASSURANCE—NEW POLICIES ISSUED (N.S.W.)

(Exclusive of Annuities.)

	1	Ordinary	Department.	Industrial	Department.	Total
Period.		No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	Sum Assured.
1939—Year 1944 ,, 1945 ,, 1946 ,, 1947 ,,		50,520 51,278 53,927 81,677 96,661	£ 18,179,537 21,037,984 23,998,758 38,077,853 43,592,919	156,787 110,560 109,862 128,266 115,892	£ 7,539,660 7,062,191 7,512,997 9,803,114 10,475,719	£ 25,719,197 28,100,175 31,511,755 47,880,967 54,068,638
1947—Jan.—June 1948—Jan.—June March April May June		42,291 42,427 6,738 8,602 7,793 9,324	18,196,741 20,097,924 3,145,331 3,802,444 3,815,939 4,652,680	52,931 56,539 12,593 8,941 11,314 9,005	4,669,230 5,406,262 1,162,297 865,277 1,080,126 867,302	22,865,971 25,504,186 4,307,628 4,667,721 4,896,065 5,519,982

The operations of the Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. are included above.

23. NEW LOANS GRANTED BY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES (N.S.W.).

Exclusive of advances of premiums.)

Period.	On Mortgage of Real Estate.	On Companies' Policies.	Other.	Total.
1947—Year	£ 2,799,175	788,685	£ 1,452,174	5,040,034
1947—JanJune	1,225,299	381,987	676,788	2,284,074
1948—JanJune	2,717,866	402,114		4,208,872
March	451,649	69,132	2,530	734,311
April	270,706	65,205	120,343	462,254
May	393,117	71,972	151,286	616,375
June	535,965	79,4 ⁶ 7	197,661	813,093

The Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. is not included.

24. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per f of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	Manufactur- ing and Distributing Companies.	Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	Active Share included in foregoing.
ZOZO A Dril 8		-0-0	11000		i i dengaj s	9244	1 20.6
1929-April §	179.3	183.8	129.4	174.1	243.5	174.4	172.6
1931-Sept. §	72.3	60.2	87.9	75.2	121.3	74*4	77.2
1937-Mar. §	213.8	203.8	181.0	169.2	281.3	190.4	200.5
1945-Sept	242.7	207.8	170.8	146.7	264.6	195.8	210°3
1947-Aug	325.0	304'9	190.4	164.6	406.8	252.6	264°I
Nov	347'3	318.5	190.4	179.8	399°2	264.4	276.4
Dec	355*4	318.8	189.8	183.4	404'4	268.7	280°4
1948-Jan	361.4	315.5	184.7	191.7	407.8	271.5	283°7
Feb	358.1	311.5	180.5	189.0	404.8	268.6	280°3
Mar	345*3	305.6	179'7	173.7	401.6	260.5	268.4
April	350.9	308.6	178.0	176·I	399.7	261.8	272.3
May	359.1	315.1	178.4	186.7	403.5	265.9	277·I
June	362.7	319.6	177.2	187.6	407.0	267.7	279.4
July	363.4	322·I	175.0	185.2	409.2	267.6	280.0
Aug	361.4	319.9	172.8	183.7	414.9	266.0	277.6

^{*} Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. § The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937.

25. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period	ı		Priv First Mo Regis		Yield on Con Government		Tra		Rates on eposits.	Fixed
	· za nama zanatku zanatka		Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short-dated.	Long- dated.	Months.	6 Months.	Months.	Months.
Average for ye					Under 5 years (a).	io years and over	•			
1938			5*4	5'0	3.38	3.76	2'00	2.50	2.75	3.00
1939			5.6	5'2	3.84	3'92	2.00	2.20	2.75	3.00
			5.6	2,1	3.14	3,30	1.28	2.08	2.33	2.28
				- 1		12 years (b).				
1941				4.0	2 years (b).		1.20	1.02	2.17	2.42
1942	***		5.5	4.9	2.47	3'23	1'29	1.54	1.79	2.04
	***	•••	5.4	4.9	2*45	3'24	1.25	1.20	1.75	2.00
1943		•••	5.0	4.7	2.48	3°23 3°24	0.40	1.04	1'40	1,00
1945		•••	4.8	4.4	2°45 2°47	3.25	0.20	0.75	1.53	1.73‡
1946		•••	4.5	4.4	1.00	3*24	0.20	0.75	1.00	1'50
1947 M nths—			4.4	4 3	2.15	3.12	0.20	0.42	1,00	1.20
1947- July			4.4	4.4	2.04	3'16	0.20	0.75	1,00	1.20
Septe				4*3	2.58	3'17	0.20	0.75	1.00	1.20
Decer				4.3	2.46	3'17	0.20	0.75	1.00	1.20
1948-Febru				4.2	2.46	3.18	0.20	0.75	1.00	1.20
Marc	h			4.3	2.40	3.16	0.20	0.75	1,00	1.20
April				4.3	2.38	3,16	0.20	0.75	1,00	1.20
May				4.3	2.34	3.16	0.20	0.75	1,00	1.20
June				4.3	2.34	3.16	0.20	0.75	1,00	1.20
July				4.3	2.33	3'16	0.20	0.75	1.00	1.20

^{*} Weighted average rate of interest. Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

26. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.			Co	onsiderat	ion of Sa	les.			Amo	unt of M	fortgages	.*	
Olielle	dk	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
		1 73		19.1			Thou	sand £.					3-333.3
January February March April May June July August October November		2,449 2,438 3,623 2,245 3,090 2,613 2,919 3,068 2,934 2,330 2,381	1,090 1,507 1,552 931 1,307 1,809 1,992 2,241 1,772 1,654 1,899 1,708	1,786 1,999 2,059 1,663 2,204 2,373 2,726 2,238 2,684 3,260 3,106 2,195	2,246 2,357 2,726 3,832 4,697 3,593 4,005 5,670 6,440 5,826 5,180 4,105	4,576 4,729 4,395 3,593 4,763 4,617 5,335 5,346 4,988 4,843 4,978 5,061	4,895 4,825 4,640 5,243 5,137 4,911 4,617	1,591 1,841 2,225 2,025 2,112 1,658 1,950 2,770 1,513 1,713 1,702 1,344	383 611 663 302 495 687 543 723 597 634 529 699	608 593 688 526 606 864 902 861 1,005 1,128 1,072 899	1,268 1,179 1,047 1,431 1,641 1,708 1,622 2,352 2,328 2,161 2,163 2,473	1,858 2,031 2,005 1,674 2,299 2,079 2,484 2,085 2,378 2,641 2,238 2,220	3,67I 2,400 2,44I 2,55I 2,266 3,550 2,244
December Year		32,157	19,462	28,293	50,677	57,224		22,444	6,866	0,752	21,373	25,992	

^{*} Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

Note.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

27. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	1		Month of J	uly.	Seven	Months ended	gist July.
	-	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops	Wool.*	Livestock.*
1946 1947	 	£ 62,746 48,621 46,746	£ 154,065 236,935 214,388	£ 134,607 143,545 238,284	528,884 597,630 267,163	£ 1,202,710 1,302,618 1,486,464	657,841 944,306 1,359,771

See note under Table 26.

[†] Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesd 19 in month. Interest on securities is subject to Commonwealth Income Tax (a) at rates not exceeding those in 1930, (b) at current rates.

[‡] From December, 1945, rate on first £10,000 of deposits 1'50 per cent., on excess 1 per cent.

^{*} Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

SECTION F.-GENERAL.

28. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on the Census of 1933 and subsequent quasi-censuses (e.g. Civilian Register, 1943 and Occupation Survey, 1945), and returns supplied monthly by governmental authorities and since July, 1941, by employers for ourposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax. Wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private households, members of defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are not included.

	(Exclud	tal Employe ing Rural isehold Dot	Workers			Employee	s in Main In	dustrial G	roups.	
* Month.	Govern- mental.	Private.	Total.	Mining and Quarry-ing.	Factories.	Building and Con- struc- tion.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Commerce and Finance.	Frofessions and Personal Services.
	, ,			MALES	S. (Tho	ısands.)				1
1933—June 1939—July 1944—July 1944—July 1944—July 1944—July 1946—July 1947—July Aug Sept Nov Dec 1948—Jan, Feb Feb May April May June July	136.5 141.5 156.9 152.2 156.7 169.8 179.0 180.4 180.6 180.4 180.6 181.7 182.2 182.2 183.6 185.3 185.3	277.4 393'4 406'2 365.2 372'0 384'5 455'6 497'7 499'8 503'0 505'8 507'3 506'9 507'5 511'0 512'2 513'9 514'2 516'1 515'3	380·6 529·9 547·7 522·1 524·2 625·4 676·7 683·4 686·4 686·6 689·7 693·9 699·2 700·0 702·2 702·1	181 247 260 251 244 247 257 267 267 271 271 271 273 273 276 278 278 278 278 278	94'58'8 202'17'6 217'6 239'7 254'8 257'1 257'7 257'7 257'7 257'8 259'3 260'2 261'3	55'1 57'9 54'0 30'1 28'2 45'1 57'0 56'8 57'4 57'5 57'5 58'1 59'0 59'3 60'1 60'1 61'1	65.0 77.4 76.8 79.9 82.3 86.0 97.3 102.8 103.7 104.9 104.4 105.3 105.8 107.3 107.9	44'0 41'6 42'8'7 28'5 30'2'2 42'1 46'9 47'5 48'1 49'0 48'6 49'0 49'2 49'2 49'4 49'2 49'4	78*4 59*0 43*6 33*4 34*0 35*6 51*2 56*7 56*7 57*2 57*4 58*0 58*8 58*9 58*6 59*3 59*3 59*3 58*9	44'2 56'6 49'3 39'6 42'6 45'8 57'0 62'9 63'5 63'5 63'5 64'7 65'2 64'9 64'4 64'9 64'5
		•	1	FEMALES	S. Thou	sands.)		1		1
1933—June 1939—July 1943—July 1943—July 1944—July 1946—July 1946—July Sept Oct Nov Sept Vov Feb Mar April April May June July	19.4 21.7 45.6 43.4 43.2 32.8 32.3 32.6 32.6 32.6 32.6 32.6 32.6 32.6	109 0 148 6 207 7 205 4 203 3 210 2 220 6 222 8 224 1 228 2 224 5 225 7 226 7 226 7 228 0 228 0 228 4	125.8 168.0 218.3 253.8 253.8 251.0 246.7 243.0 252.9 255.4 256.7 258.3 260.7 260.8 257.4 259.6 260.6 260.6 261.8	0'I 0'I 0'2 0'2 0'2 0'2 0'2 0'2 0'2 0'2 0'2 0'2	36'3 59:3 76:0 94'6 91'6 85'7 83'1 87'0 87'6 88'6 88'5 88'9 88'4 86'7 87'6 88'4 88-8 89'7	0'3 0'5 0'7 0'7 0'7 0'9 1'0 1'0 1'0 1'0 1'0 1'0 1'1 1'1 1'1 1'1	3'7 4'2 8.2 12:9 13:8 14'5 12'8 13'0 13'1 13'2 13'2 13'3 13'4 13'5 13'5 13'5 13'5 13'8	36'0 41'0 38'5 36'3 37'5'5 39'2 40'9 41'5 41'8 43'4 44'3 42'6 42'5 42'7 42'9 43'0 42'8	33.6 8.5 17.8 20.6 20.7 21.1 21.1 22.3 23.7 23.0 23.3 23.4 23.6 23.5 23.5 23.6	49'4 49'1 60'2 65'9 67'7'69'6 73'3 78'3 78'8 79'3 78'8 79'3 79'6 79'6 79'6
1933—June	120.0	386.4	506-4	TOTAL.	(Thousa	,	68.7	T]	12'0	02.6
1939—July 1941—July 1941—July 1944—July 1945—July 1946—July 1946—July Sept Oct Nov Dec Nov Peb Mar April May June July	155'9 163'2 203'0 197'8 200'1 200'1 201'3 212'2 213'0 213'3 215'1 216'2 217'0 218'5 219'4 219'7	300-4 542-0 602-8 572-9 577-4 587-8 665-8 718-3 722-6 727-1 731-4 735-1 732-0 738-9 740-3 744-1 743-7	500.4 697.9 775.2 787.9 868.4 929.6 934.8 940.1 944.7 948.6 947.1 953.1 955.9 958.8 960.7 963.9	24'8 26'2 25'3 24'6 24'9 26'9 27'0 27'4 27'3 27'5 27'5 27'9 28'0 28'0 28'3 28'3	218.1 278.1 312.4 309.2 302.3 322.8 344.8 344.9 346.6 345.1 346.6 344.7 346.9 347.3 348.3 348.3 348.3 348.3	55'4 58'47' 30'8 28'99'46'0 58'0 58'5 58'5 58'5 58'5 58'5 58'5 58	81'6 85'0 92'8 96'1 100'5 110'2 115'5 115'8 116'8 118'1 117'6 116'9 117'8 118'8 118'8 118'3 120'5 120'5 121'2	80'00 82'66'7'2 66'8'8 67'7' 81'33 87'5'88'79 89'9 92'4 94'6'6 91'9 91'2 91'5 91'3 92'3 92'2	67.5 61.4 54.0 54.7 72.3 79.0 79.4 80.2 80.6 81.3 82.2 81.9 82.7 83.2 82.8 82.8	93'6 105'7 109'5 105'5 105'5 105'5 110'3 110'3 140'0 141'8 142'0 142'0 143'2 143'3 144'5 144'5 144'5 144'5

 ⁽a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Governmental Authorities and of Allied Governments.
 (b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. From July, 1947, subject to revision.
 (c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services.

29. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY...

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).
(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.		Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
January		100	103	93	IIO	105		-6.			1		
February		100	105	95	112	125	141	164	155	173	165	170	198
March		100	102			125	145	159	161	174	181	201	208
April		100		95	III	130	146	164	165	171	185	199	212
May	•••		104	96	IIO	125	147	164	162	172	189	198	218
		100	106	95	IIO	128	144	166	172	178	192	198	203
June		100	103	99	114	131	154	174	176	176	197	208	214
July		100	105	97	112	134	158	171	177	184	195	212	199
August		100	106	97	107	135	157	181	181	177	195	212	
September		100	108	97	II3	134	158	171	172	180	201	214	
October		100	109	96	II3	135	163	162	169	174	203	211	
November		100	109	97	116	136	161	164	171	179	200		• • • •
December		100	105	99	116	131	165	163	169	123	180	214	
Year		100	105	96	II2	131	154	167	170	172	191	204	

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

30. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

	Period.				lver ndard).	I	ead		(Elec	Zinc	tic).	(Stan	in dard).		Gold Gine)	
				ре	roz.	į pe	er to	n.	pe	r to	n.	per	ton.	1	per	oz.	
				S.	d.	£	S	d.	£	S.	d.	£.	S.		£	s.	d.
1938	***	• • •		2	0.14	17	12	II	19	12	IO	228	II	10	8	17	I
1939	• • • •			2	I.42	17	12	I	19	15	3	268	3	6	9	14	4
1940	• • •	• • •		2	2.95	18	14	6	22	9	II	292		8	10	13	I
1941	***	• • •		2	4.26	19	II	4	22	12	II	295	I	6	10	13	8
1942	•••			2	4.66	21	9	9	22	2	II	285	Q	I	10	9	I
1943				2	4.63	22	19	2	23	15	2	283	ī	6	10	9	0
1944				2	4.63	26	3	0	24	9	4	335	7	2	10	IO	I
1945				2	10.20	34	IO	IO	37	6	4	350		0		13	10
1946				4	8.02	56	8	6	55	0	2	414		0		15	3
1947		• • •		4	4.27	90	2	0	67	6	4	505		2	10		3
1947-	—January			5	4.17	77	14	IO	66	I	I	454	I	7	TO	15	2
	February			4	3.42	79	5	5	65	II	4	454		7	IO		3
	March			4	6.44	81	18	I	68	3	8	454	I	7		-	3
	April			4	4.98	93	15	II	68	9	8	523		IO	10		3
	May			4	3.04	96	0	I	68	9	8	523		IO	10		3
	Tune			3	11.75	94	3	0	64	16	4	523		IO	10	-	3
	Tuly			3	8.90	93	I	5	67	3	7	523		IO	IO		3
	August			3	9.40	92	3	0	67	3	7	523	12			-	3
	September	•		4	1.02	93	14	7	65	4	7	521	14	1 200		15	3
	October			4	4.96	93	15	2		17	6	521		3		15	3
	November			4	8.56	92	3	II		17	6	521		3		15	3
	December			4	8.56	93	9	0		17	6	521		3	10	15 15	3
то48-	-January			4	7.85	94	13	2	68		6	612	_				
- 74 -	February			4	7.58	94		3	68		-		5	3	10	-	3
	March		•••	4	9.87	98	6	9			6	622	_	4		15	3
	April	•••	•••		9.87	102		4		17	_		13	4	10		3
	May			4	9.87	1111	. 5	3	1 -	IO	0		13	4	10	-	3
	Tune		• • • • •	4	- 1		II	5	79		0	622		4	10		3
	June	• • • •		5	3.04	109	10	2	79	10	0	684	4	6	IO	15	3

31. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY.

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

		1	Rent-	1		Total Hous	ehold Expenditure.
	Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Index Number.	Increase from Sept Quarter, 1939
							Per cent.
1020-	-September	930	1,039	841	939	933	
1939	-September	945	1,042	948	996	973	4.3
1940-	-September	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	IO.I
1941	-September	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20.3
1942-	-March*		1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22.3
945	June†	- 06-	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24°9
044-	-June	7 005	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22.2
	—∫une	7 0 10	1,043	1,410	1,163	1,141	22°3
1943	September		1,043	1,412	1,163	1,142	22.4
	December		1,043	1,459	1,163	1,147	22.9
1016-	-March	7 007	1,043	1,463	1,167	1,151	23°4
1940	June	= 0.10	1,043	1,510	1,171	1,165	24°9
	September	T 022	1,043	1,537	1,168	1,167	25°I
	December	T 017	1,043	1,555	1,175	1,177	26.2
1047	—March	- 007	1,044	1,532	1,186	1,192	27.8
1947	June	- 006	1,044	1,540	1,187	1,194	28.0
	September		1,044	1,579	1,244	1,218	30.2
	December	7 700	1,045	1,639	1,245	1,242	33.1
1048	—March		1,046	1,674	1,247	1,270	36.1
1940	Tune	T 225	1,046	1,748	1,267	1,305	39.9

^{*} Price stabilisation level. † War-time peak.

32. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week-Adult Males.

			Sydr	ney, Ne	wcast ort K	le, Wol enibla.	llong *	ong-						nployee	es		
Vear.		Febru	ary.	May	7.	Augu	st.	Novem	ber.	Februa	ary.	May		Augu	st.	\c vem	ber.
		S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	s.	a.	S.	d.
11939		81	0	82	0	81	0	82	0	80	0	80	0	80	C	80	0
1940		82	0	8.3	0	85	0	85	0	81	0	81	0	83	0	84	0
		88	0	88	0	89	0	80	0	86	0	87	0	87	(88	0
1941		91	0	93	0	95	0	97	0	90	0	92	0	94	0	96	0
1942	•••	98	0	98	0	100	0	99	0	97	0	97	0	99	0	98	0
1943	•••	99	0	99	0	99	0	99	0	97	0	97	0	97	0	98	0
1944			0	98	0	98	0	99	0	97	0	97	0	97	0	97	0
1945 1946	•••	99	0	99	0	100	0	101	o ot	98	0	98	0	99	0	∫ 99 106	0
		108	0	110	0	IIO	0	112	0	107	0	108	0	109	0	111	0
1947		114	0	116	0	120	0			113	0	115	0	118	0		

^{*} In other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

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Bureau of Statistics and Economics, 61 Hunter-street, Sydney. 31st August, 1948.

[†] Special increase 7s., December, 1946 (Interim judgment of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration).

[‡] In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

POPULATION—Estimated, 30th September, 1947:—New South Wales, Males, 1,497,415; Females, 1,497,320; Total, 2,994,735—or 39.4 per cent. of population of Australia. Sydney and Suburbs (Census 30th June, 1947), 1,484,004.

SUPPLEMENT.

1. Population, Births, Deaths and Marriages-Years 1939 to 1948.

Year.	Estimated Population	Live	Dea	ths.			nual Rate j Iean Popula		Infantile Mortality. Deaths und
roar.	at end of Year (a).	Births.	Total.	Under 1 year.	Marriages.	Live Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	i year per i,ooo Live Births.
1939 1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 1945 1946	2,766,866 2,791,355 2,813,365 2,813,363 2,814,478 2,871,063 2,901,431 2,933,436 2,962,932 (c) 2,994,735	48,003 49,382 51,729 52,647 57,265 59,612 61,662 67,247 69,398	26,815 26,143 27,300 (b)29,219 (b)28,870 (b)26,652 (b)26,994 (b)28,579 (b)28,449	1,969 1,927 2,264 2,116 2,072 1,829 1,889 2,032 2,068	25,471 30,364 29,983 34,533 26,302 26,426 25,283 31,684 30,172	17.45 17.77 18.47 18.59 20.04 20.65 21.13 22.83 23.25	9.75 9.41 9.75 10.32 10.10 9.23 9.25 9.70 9.52	9.26 10.93 10.70 12.20 9.20 9.15 8.67 10.76 10.11	41.0 39.0 43.8 40.2 36.2 30.7 30.6 30.2 29.8
[an-June 1947 1948 (d)		35,882 33,639	(b)13,032 14,636	999 1,009	15,361 15,404	24'11 22'26	8·76 9·68	10.35	27.8 30.0

(a) Adjusted in accordance with the preliminary results of the 1947 Census. (b) Civilians only, from 1st January, 1942, to 30th June, 1947. (c) At 30th September. (d) Preliminary.

2. Marriages-Quarterly-1939 to 1948.

			Metropolis.				Rem	ainder of	State.	
Year.		Qı	arter ended—	04.7	Total,		Quart	er ended-	-	Total,
	March.	June.	September.	December.	Year.	March.	June.	Sep- tember.	Decem- ber	Year.
1939	3,545 4,271	3,837 4,363	3,202 4,770	4,549 5,172	15,133	2,43I 2,938	2,811 2,781	2,326 3,133	2,770 2,936	10,338
1941 1942 1943	4,249 5,965 4,583	4,724 6,044 4,418	3,997 4,980 3,691	5,738 5,106 4,325	18,708 22,095 17,017	2,572 3,327 2,581	3,011 3,459 2,402	2,631 2,803 2,079	3,061 2,849 2,223	11,275 12,438 9,285
1944 ··· 1945 ··· 1946 ···	4,389 3,943 5,176	4,427 4,008 5,124	3,960 3,723 4,345	4,272 4,346 4,942	17,048 16,020 19,587	2,294 2,306 3,030	2,574 2,356 3,081	2,324 2,163 2,853	2,186 2,438 3,133	9,378 9,263 12,097
1947	4,600 4,532	4,603 4,537	3,993	4,980	18,176	3,004	3,154 (a)3,319	2,741	3,097	11,996

(a) Preliminary.

3. Net Value of Production*—Recorded Industries, 1938-39 to 1946-47.

Year.			Rural	Industries.		Forests, Fisheries and Trapping.	Mines	Total		
		Pastoral.	Agri- cultural.	Dairying and Farmyard.	Total Rural Industries.		and Quarries.	Primary Industries.	Manu- facturing.	Total.
		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£,000	£.000	£000	foro
938-39		23,613	13,401	13,147	50,161	3,429	9,948	63,538	90,266	153,804
939-40		34,562	18,093	13,266	65,921	3,658	10,927	80,506	96,609	177,115
940-41		35,305	11,215	13,368	59,888	4,646	10,233	74,767	115,044	180,811
941-42		34,121	16,043	12,834	62,998	6,045	12,403	81,446	138,790	220,236
942-43		38,212	24,444	17,070	79,726	5,507	12,897	98,130	153,582	251,712
943-44		42,580	27,916	18,112	88,608	7,026	13,158	108,792	162,726	271,518
944-45		37,452	17,499	20,080	75,031	7,048	13,137	95,216	159,875	255,091
945-46		34,043	39,199	21,595	94,838	8,908	13,116	116,862	153,179	270,041
946-47		52,666	†19,236	21,179	†93,081	10,338	16,496	†119,915	186,546	†306,461

^{*} Represents gross value at place of production less goods used in the process of production e.g., fodder, seed, fertiliser used on farms, and raw materials and fuel in factories.

† Subject to revision, agricultural value to be increased by further payments from wheat pool.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

RURAL INDUSTRIES.

4. Area under Crop.

	on end	led	Wheat (grain only).	Maize (grain only).	Oats (grain only).	Rice.	Sugar-cane cut for Crushing.	Hay.	Potatoes.	Total Area of Crops.
1939 1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 1945 1946 1947			Acres. 4,650,872 4,380,595 4,453,963 3,968,758 3,032,946 2,693,302 2,814,804 3,773,901 4,474,894 5,043,017	Acres. 122,201 115,856 142,147 117,262 103,591 103,237 94,107 92,416 110,038 86,979	Acres. 399,449 405,262 236,910 303,860 431,299 374,205 544,364 617,070 557,987 609,207	Acres. 23,533 24,120 24,547 23,633 34,232 40,690 24,596 28,372 31,996 26,208	Acres. 10,458 10,488 10,192 8,491 9,732 8,240 6,771 5,943 7,563 7,113	Acres. 1,068,925 706,599 715,625 714,142 736,157 534,470 585,829 750,714 542,470 618,509	Acres. 16,866 19,232 17,836 17,685 24,488 30,067 34,796 22,865 21,309	Acres. 7,049,357 6,381,531 6,374,354 5,920,561 5,297,313 4,797,385 5,044,792 6,087,566 6,511,493

^{*} Not yet available.

5. Production of Crops.

(In Thousands—ooo omitted.)

Season end March.	ded	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Rice.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Potatoes.	Total Value of all Crops to Producers.
1939 1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 1945 1947		Bushels. 59,898 76,552 23,933 48,500 51,693 47,500 17,134 62,520 15,682	Bushels. 2,905 2,833 4,044 3,142 2,815 2,769 2,437 2,561 2,507	Bushels. 4,831 6,904 1,995 4,118 7,338 7,050 1,757 9,997 2,046	Bushels. 2,775 1,858 2,240 2,192 3,084 4,015 1,693 2,735 2,978	Tons, 337 275 343 359 338 290 200 166 310 267	Tons. 1,181 966 617 715 986 736 371 980 376 966	Tons. 39 41 50 39 65 66 81 62 61 66	£ 18,459 21,254 14,279 20,308 20,144 32,750 21,995 44,573 25,035†

6. Average Yield per acre of Crops.

	on end larch.	led	Wheat.	Maize.	Cats.	Rice.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Potatoes.	Value per Acre of All Crops.
*939 1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 1945 1946 1947			Bushels. 12-9 17-5 5-4 12-2 17-0 17-6 6-0 16-6 3-5 18-9	Bushels. 23.8 24.5 28.4 26.8 27.2 26.8 25.9 27.7 22.8 27.1	Bushels. 12·1 17·0 8·4 13·6 17·0 18·8 3·2 16·2 3·7 22·4	Bushels. 118 77 91 93 90 99 69 96 93 102	Tons. 32:2 26:2 33:6 42:3 34:7 35:2 29:5 27:9 40:9 37:6	Tons. 1:10 1:37 0:86 1:00 1:34 1:38 0:63 1:31 0:69 1:56	Tons. 2°34 2°11 2°83 2°18 2°64 2°18 2°32 2°70 2°88 2°99	£ s. d. 2 12 4 3 6 7 2 4 10 3 8 7 5 10 0 6 16 6 4 7 2 7 6 5 3 16 11†

7. Live Stock.

			Cattle.				
At 31st March.	Horses.	Cows in Registered Dairies. All Other		Total.	Sheep.	Pigs.	
1939 1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 1945 1946 1947	No. 531,355 534,837 531,776 525,697 483,277 465,672 436,443 403,645 379,774 376,043	No. 1,068,906 1,068,999 1,054,770 1,055,172 1,054,511 1,043,273 1,035,991 1,021,087 967,909 965,201	No. 1,742,978 1,693,654 1,714,291 1,823,278 1,976,035 2,100,105 2,108,710 2,095,747 2,015,184 2,164,539	No. 2,811,884 2,762,653 2,769,061 2,878,450 3,030,546 3,143,378 3,144,701 3,116,834 2,983,093 3,129,740	No. 48,877,000 54,372,000 55,568,000 56,737,000 56,044,000 56,837,000 44,076,000 43,105,000 46,065,000	No. 377,344 451,064 507,738 454,102 486,960 561,294 523,917 432,612 358,417	

^{*} Not yet available. † Subject to revision.

8. Sheep and Lambs shorn and Quantity of Wool produced.

0	Sheep and	Average Clip (Greasy)*	Weight of Wool Produced (as in the grease).						
Season.	Lambs Shorn.		Shorn and Crutched.	Dead.	Fell- mongered.	Exported on Skins.	Total Production		
1936-37	Thousands.	lb. 8°3			Thousand lb.	-	7		
937-38		8.3	459,650 44 7. 695	1,423	24,303	18,240	503,616		
938-39		7.6	391,627	1,772 2,427	23,950 25,678	21,610	495,027		
939-40	54,637	9.I	497,356	1,095	32,751	17,409	437,141		
940-41		8.4	484,012	1,327	46,019	5,550	546,273 536,908		
941-42	58,537	8.2	497,446	1,126	41,964	6,464	547,000		
942-43		7.8	448,968	1,278	42,500	4,792	497,538		
943-44	57,318 52,268	8·6 7·6	490,331	883	39,816	6,380	537,410		
945-46	45,402	8*5	398,598	1,164	38,261	10,660	448,683		
946-47	43,119	8.0	386,724 383,692	I,204 I,246	31,647	11,974	431,549		
947-48	43,691	8.7	382,142	516	27,076 19,947	20,607	432,621		

^{*} Includes crutchings.

9. Sheep-Lambing, Slaughter, Exports and Deaths.

(In Thousands—ooo omitted.)

Season.	Lambs Marked.	Sheep and Lambs Slaughtered.	Net Movement of Sheep to (—) and from (+) Other States.	Approximate Number of Deaths on Holdings.	Sheep at 31st March.	
938-39 939-40 940-41 941-42 942-43 944-45 945-46 946-47 947-48	No. 9,286 15,674 14,014 14,616 13,627 15,068 11,069 9,894 11,240 12,861	No. 6,311 6,887 8,167 8,115 9,299 9,476 8,865 7,601 7,137 6,189	No. (+) 230 (-) 44 (-) 664 (-) 1,432 (-) 772 (-) 798 (-) 1,009 (+) 393 (-) 628 (-) 302	No. 5,891 3,248 3,987 3,900 4,250 4,000 11,370 5,272 4,446 3,410	No. 48,877 54,372 55,568 56,737 56,837 46,662 44,076 43,105	

10. Cattle in Registered Dairies and Beef Cattle.

Classification.			At 31s	t March.		
omining tion.	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
In Registered Dairies— Cows in milk	No. 691,105 195,806 181,995	No. 609,867 227,268 206,138	No. 626,272 196,885 212,834	No. 594,809 192,083 234,195	No. 592,385 170,035 205,489	No. 592,320 173,174 199,707
Total cows (registered dairies) Calves (under 1 year) Bulls	1,068,906 *	1,043,273 185,297 26,116	1,035,991 189,777 25,767	1,021,087 151,946 25,281	967,909 148,037 24,404	965,201 154,167 23,846
Total cattle (reg'd. dairies)	*	1,254,686	1,251,535	1,198,314	1,140,350	1,143,214
Other milking cows (dry and in milk)	98,340†	123,083	119,165	118,335	130,931	144,820
Beef Cattle— Cows and heifers (1 year and over) Calves (under 1 year) Bulls Bullocks, steers, etc	683,713 * 473,658	802,131 420,484 33,026 509,968	804,365 403,844 33,445 532,347	824,581 370,752 34,284 570,568	782,755 409,677 33,213 486,167	843,350 422,182 34,001 542,173
Total, beef cattle	*	1,765,609	1,774,001	1,800,185	1,711,812	1,841,706
Total, all cattle	2,811,884	3,143,378	3,144,701	3,116,834	2,983,093	3,129,740

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^{*} Not available. † Cows actually being milked; other milking cows (dry) are included under other headings.

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